

MORTON GROVE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

JULY 9, 2009

Mission Statement

The Morton Grove Public Library will provide a place offering materials, programs and services to assist the community in its pursuit of personal growth and lifelong learning.

Vision Statement

Morton Grove Public Library will meet the needs of its growing increasingly diverse community by providing services and partnering with other community organizations. All will be welcome to follow their interests, expand their dreams, learn new skills and interact with other members of the community to enhance their quality of life. The Board of Trustees and staff will work together to serve the public and respond to the changing roles of libraries.

1. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Secretary Sykes called the roll.

Trustees Present: Bernadette Fahy; Arthur Goldstein, Treasurer; Dan Hoffman, President; David Levin; Renée Miller; Agnes Quinn; Jan Sykes, Secretary

Others Present: Benjamin Schapiro, Director; Kevin Justie, Assistant Director/Coordinator of Automated & Technical Services; Natalya Fishman, Head of Reference; Rosetta Metz, Community Outreach Coordinator; Blanche Miyamoto, Administrative Assistant

Visitors: Eric M. Poders; Steve Larson, financial advisor from EHLERS, Inc.; Andrew Dogan, Principal / Vice President from PHN Architect; Bill Neuendorf, Director of Community and Economic Development for the Village of Morton Grove

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3. Minutes

Minutes of the regular meeting of June 11, 2009 were reviewed.

Correction to the minutes – Under *Trustees Present* add Dan Hoffman, President and David Levin.

Motion by Trustee Goldstein to approve the minutes.
Seconded by Trustee Sykes.
Approved by voice vote.

4. Public Comments

None

Presentations by Visitors

Steve Larson of EHLERS, Inc. presented the Board with handouts of the financial and referendum planning services this company provides to public entities.

Andrew Dogan of PHN Architects presented a proposal for architectural services to the Morton Grove Public Library. This would be a three part study: Part I – Analysis of Existing Building; Part II – Analysis of Library Building Operations; Part III – Improvement Recommendations and Estimated Costs.

Bill Neuendorf of the Village of Morton Grove presented conceptual designs of the Lincoln Ave. Landscape Project. Bill would like feedback from the Board about the Library's landscape proposal in the next six weeks.

5. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Goldstein presented the June reports, including a review of the cash statement, accounts payable and income statement.

The Board accepted the Treasurer's Report.

6. Committee Reports

Finance Committee – July 7, 2009 meeting, Treasurer Goldstein reporting.

The committee reviewed the June financial reports.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

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Building and Grounds -None

Policy – None

Fund Development Planning – Chairman Hoffman reporting.
Strategic Planning – The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

7. Friends of the Library Report – Trustee Sykes reporting.
There are now 50 members. The Friends Group is looking into purchasing a flat screen television for the Library.

The next scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

8. Librarian's Report

Statistics

Year to Date total circulation is 170,188, 10% more than the same period in 2008 (154,754).

Website hits from non-staff users were 246,677 for June, up from May by 28,915.

Patron registrations show a net increase of 45 from May at 9,304 active cards, with 109 new patrons and 185 renewals. This represents 41.4% of the Morton Grove population with active cards.

MyMediaMall downloads were 66 for June. Registration now totals 393 with 6 patrons joining.

Time to Let the Community Know

Director Schapiro ran the June circulation numbers through the NSLS ROI calculator and the results showed that MGPL patrons saved approximately \$600,000 by using the Library.

One suggestion was to have a dedicated section on the front cover of Books and Beyond newsletter translating numbers from the statistic report into dollar amount.

Another suggestion was to find a place on the MGPL homepage to show the dollar amount saved on every book that is borrowed. Director Schapiro and Kevin Justie will work on this and see what can be done.

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Adult Public PCs

Three new PCs have been added to the Adult Public Computer area to handle the demand for Internet access.

9. Unfinished Business

New Building

None

10. New Business

Items under New Business were discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

Communications

None

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50p.m.

Secretary